REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: at-doctr.txt

Other Known Title: An Erotic Story

Format: Computer Text File Printout

Director/Author: Not Stated

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer text file printout *at-doctr.txt* is classified as: Objectionable.

The printout promotes and supports the exploitation of children, or young persons, or both, for sexual purposes. It contains a fictional story that portrays children and young persons as being emotionally and physically ready to engage in adult sexual activity with other children and with adults. The writing style is explicit, vernacular and intended to excite and arouse readers. The story encourages readers to view children and young persons as being sexually precocious and as legitimate sexual partners for adults.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children, or young persons, or both, for sexual purposes.